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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO US-IAEA AGREEMENT

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1. S&T COUNSELOR WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN RELATIONS SECRETARIAT BY IO AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRGEN CALDERON TO DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO US-IAEA AGREEMENT (IAEA DOCUMENT GOV/1879 OF FEB 9).

2. AT OUTSET, CALDERON EXPRESSED GREAT GOM SATISFACTION AT RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA BETWEEN MEXICAN AND US DELEGATIONS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE WE COULD BUILD ON THESE TALKS AND MOVE CLOSER IN OUR POSITIONS THROUGH FURTHER "INFORMAL" AND EVENTUALLY FORMAL DISCUSSIONS.

3. CALDERON RECALLED NEGOTIATIONS ON "OREGON" REACTOR TRANSFER AND MEXICAN OBJECTION TO OUR "REQUIREMENT 6," (77 VIENNA 7632 - FALLBACK SAFEGUARDS, ETC.)
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4. IN MEXICAN VIEW, ONLY OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCE FOLLOWING RECENT VIENNA DISCUSSIONS WAS ON DISTINCTION BETWEEN "EXPLOSIVES" AND "NUCLEAR WEAPONS." HE REFERRED TO LAGUNA VERDE SUPPLY AGREEMENT (WHICH COMMITS MEXICO TO NO MILITARY PURPOSE) AND ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER TLATELOLCO AND NPT. (MEXICO-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT COVERS NUCLEAR

WEAPONS AND PNE'S.)

5. S&T COUNSELOR NOTED THAT VIENNA DISCUSSIONS WERE "AD REFERENDUM" ON PART OF US DEL, AND THAT WASHINGTON HAD NOT YET RATIFIED THEM. HE ALSO INFORMED CALDERON THAT HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN THAT U.S. WOULD NOT ASK THAT US-IAEA AGREEMENT BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR JUNE IAEA BOG MEETING.

6. CALDERON CONFIRMED OUR SUSPICION THAT GONZALEZ GALVEZ, NOW IN EUROPE, WOULD BE DISCUSSING NUCLEAR MATTERS WHEN HE VISITS BELGRADE.

7. SEPTTEL DISCUSSES NUCLEAR PHYSICAL SECURITY.

8. CALDERON EXPRESSED GREAT MEXICAN INTEREST IN IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUEL BANK AS MENTIONED IN U.S. 1978 NONPROLIFERATION ACT AND AS IS BEING CONSIDERED IN INFCE WORKING GROUP 3.

9. COMMENT: WE COULD NOT FATHOM EXACTLY WHAT CALDERON WAS DRIVING AT WITH RESPECT TO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DIFFERENCES, BUT HIS THRUST SEEMED A BIT DIFFERENT FROM PARA 2B OF REFTTEL. AS BEST WE COULD TELL, HE WAS SUGGESTING THAT AMENDMENT TO US-IAEA AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE PNE'S, WHILE MEXICO WAS OTHERWISE PRECLUDED IN THEM BY NPT. WE NOTED THAT US-IAEA AGREEMENT WOULD APPLY TO OTHERS AS WELL.

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WE WERE ALSO SURPRISED THAT CALDERON DID NOT RAISE OTHER ASPECTS OF PROPOSED US-IAEA AMENDMENT AND SUSPECT THAT SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF U.S. INTENTIONS MAY BE PRESENT. CALDERON IS WELL AWARE, HOWEVER, OF TERMS OF NEW NONPROLIFERATION ACT AND OF U.S. INTEREST TO APPLY THESE TO MEXICO VIA AMENDED IAEA AGREEMENT. LUCEY

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